

BANKRUPTCY JUDGES' MENTORING PROGRAM FOR JUNIOR LAWYERS

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The next session of the Bankruptcy Judges' mentoring program for lawyers new to the practice of bankruptcy law is scheduled for Tuesday, January 26, 2010, from Noon to 1:30 p.m. in the bankruptcy court's training room on the 5th Floor, north side, of the Sam M. Gibbons U. S. Courthouse. The guest speakers for this session will be:

- Susan Sharp
- Buddy Ford
- Benjamin Lambers
- Judge Paskay
- Judge McEwen

The title of this program is **“Life is Like a Box of Chocolates: You Never Know What You’re Gonna Get – Forrest Gump, quoting his Mama.”** **Specific Topics Include: Individual Chapter 11s, Removal, New Deadlines, and Form of Orders.** Anyone planning to attend is invited to send questions to Judge McEwen’s law clerk beforehand by e-mail at lisa_pease@flmb.uscourts.gov. If participants will send questions, the guest speakers can better prepare the program to include the answers and information the participants want.

About the Mentoring Program

Each quarter, the Bankruptcy Judges will have a short program on the basics of lawyering in bankruptcy court. Participating lawyers will have the opportunity to discuss and ask questions concerning the topics discussed as well as raising other issues or questions of interest or concern. In this way, the Judges will be available to new lawyers to help them work through problems and offer senior lawyer guidance to help them develop professionally, ethically, and responsibly.

Although the program is generally designed and geared for lawyers within their first five years of practice or new to the practice of bankruptcy law, anyone is welcome.

Lawyers wishing to participate simply need to come. No “sign up” or registration is required. Participants are invited to bring a brown bag lunch if they wish. Canned drinks are available from the vending machines open to the public on the 3rd Floor of the Courthouse.

The Judges also have an e-mail distribution list for announcements and other communication with the participants. If you'd like to be added to this distribution list or have questions concerning the program, simply e-mail Judge McEwen's law clerk, Lisa Pease or call (813) 301-5082.